

U .S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CRIMINAL DIVISION

OPDAT/CCIPS REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR, EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY, GS-14/15

About the Offices: The mission of the Criminal Division's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) is to develop and administer technical and developmental assistance designed to enhance the capabilities of foreign justice sector institutions and their law enforcement personnel, so they can cooperate more fully with the Department of Justice in combating terrorism, trafficking in persons, organized crime, corruption, and financial crimes. The Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS), Criminal Division, leads the Department's effort to combat computer and intellectual property crimes worldwide. In addition, CCIPS serves as the Department's expert on the confluence of law enforcement and emerging technologies, especially those related to the collection of electronic evidence.

Responsibilities and

Opportunity Offered: The Office seeks an experienced Assistant United States Attorney or Department of Justice Trial Attorney to fill the position of Regional Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordinator (IPLEC) in Eastern Europe. This assignment is for a term of one year with the possibility of a continuation, contingent upon available funding. (This is a reimbursable detail). The IPLEC represents the Department of Justice, OPDAT and CCIPS and, during his or her tenure, will support achievement of U.S. Government intellectual property (IP) policies and initiatives in the region. The IPLEC will help develop criminal enforcement capabilities in Eastern European nations by assessing the utility of existing laws protecting IP rights. Through direct outreach and consultation with the authorities responsible for criminal IP enforcement throughout the region, the IPLEC will assess the ability of law enforcement to address piracy and counterfeiting. The IPLEC will identify specific areas where skills development and technical assistance are required and, through bilateral contact with foreign law enforcement counterparts, the IPLEC will tailor assistance in the region based upon the IP problems in each selected country. Additionally, the IPLEC will develop regional enforcement conferences to ensure uniform, effective enforcement throughout Eastern Europe. The IPLEC will also identify and study trends in IP offenses in the region. Through bilateral contacts with law enforcement and with the input of the affected industries, the IPLEC will develop and disseminate information about the methods of production, transshipment and distribution used by counterfeiters and

copyright pirates to profit from intellectual property crimes. Through these activities, the IPLEC will increase the ability of law enforcement officials to effectively use available resources and to accurately target IP criminals.

Qualifications: **Required qualifications:** Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of a State, territory, or the District of Columbia. **Applicants must be a current Department Trial Attorney or Assistant United States Attorney** and have at least four or five years of post J.D. experience to be qualified at the GS-14 or 15 level.

Preferred qualifications: Applicants must have excellent interpersonal and management skills, be mature and self-sufficient, communicate effectively orally and in writing, and possess extensive prosecutorial experience dealing with intellectual property rights offenses. Applicants should have experience working with diverse types of individuals and groups and achieving consensus on difficult and multidimensional issues. In addition, international experience, particularly gained while working with foreign law enforcement and justice systems, is a strongly desired asset. Familiarity with languages spoken in Eastern Europe or the Balkans is desired, but not required.

Travel: Frequent travel within the region is anticipated.

Salary Information: Current salary and years of experience determine the appropriate salary level. (See OPM's Web page at www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/index.htm)

Location: The IPLEC will be stationed in Sofia, Bulgaria beginning in January 2007.

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses are authorized.

Submission Process

and Deadline Date: To apply for this position, E-mailed submissions are preferred. Send a resume and cover letter as soon as possible either to the attention of:

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or

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This position is open until filled.